
31st DECEMBER, 1804.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Wednesday next.

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FURTHER to amend an act, intituled “ An act regulating the grants of land ; and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States, south of the state of Tennessee.”

1 **Be it enacted**, by the Senate and House of Representatives
2 of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That
3 persons who may have obtained, or shall obtain, certificates from
4 the board of commissioners appointed to ascertain the claims to
5 lands in the Mississippi territory, shall be allowed three months,
6 after the respective date of such certificates, for entering the
7 same with the Register of the proper land office ; and certificates
8 thus entered shall have the same force and effect, as if they had
9 been duly entered with the said Register, on or before the first
10 day of January, 1805.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioners appoint-
 2 ed to ascertain the claims to lands, in the abovementioned territory,
 3 east of Pearl river, shall be authorised to grant certificates for
 4 lands lying in the island, known by the name of Nannee Hubba,
 5 formed by the cut off of the river Tombigbee and Alabanaha ;
 6 and persons having claims for lands lying either in said island, or
 7 east of the Tombigbee and Alabanaha rivers, shall be permitted
 8 to file the same with the Register of the land office, till the first
 9 day of May, 1805 ; and the commissioners shall decide on the
 10 same, in the same manner as if they had been presented before
 11 the thirty first day of March, 1804.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That each of the last men-
 2 tioned commissioners, shall be allowed at the rate of six dollars
 3 a day, for every day he shall attend, subsequent to the first day
 4 of April, 1805 ; *Provided*, that such additional allowance shall
 5 not exceed five hundred dollars for each commissioner, and the
 6 clerk of the said board shall be entitled to receive an additional
 7 allowance of two hundred dollars, for his services subsequent to
 8 the first day of April, 1805.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, that the clerk of the board
 2 of commissioners appointed to ascertain the claims to lands in the
 3 above mentioned territory west of Pearl river, shall be allowed at
 4 the rate of seven hundred and fifty dollars a year, from the time
 5 when he entered on the duties of his office, to the time when the
 6 board shall adjourn *sine die*.

7 SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That persons claiming lands
8 in the Mississippi territory, by virtue of British grants, legally and
9 fully completed, who may not have filed their claims with the pro-
10 per Register of the land office, in conformity with the provisions
11 heretofore made for that purpose, may until the first day of De-
12 cember, 1805, file such claims with the Register of the land
13 office west of Pearl river, and have the same recorded. And
14 the said Register shall, on or before the first day of January, 1806,
15 make to the secretary of the treasury, a full report of all the Bri-
16 tish grants thus recorded; which report shall immediately after
17 be laid before Congress. The lands contained in such grants,
18 shall not be otherwise disposed of until the end of one year, after
19 that time. And if any such person shall neglect to file such Bri-
20 tish grant, and to have the same recorded, in the manner and
21 time hereby provided, neither such grant nor any other evidence
22 of such claim, which shall not have been recorded as above di-
23 rected, shall ever after be considered or admitted as evidence in
24 any court of the United States, against any grant derived from the
25 United States, any act or acts to the contrary notwithstanding.